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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS, PBOR, ICJ, CA  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CANADA-US ICJ SUBMISSION ON  
OFFSHORE BOUNDARY QUESTION

REF: STATE 005301

1. ANDRE GROS IS SOLE FRENCH NATIONAL CURRENTLY SERVING ON ICJ. HE WAS LAW PROFESSOR FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO WORLD COURT IN 1963. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH GROS, AND WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON HIS VIEWS OF SUBJECTS RAISED IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL WITHOUT MAKING FORMAL CONTACT WITH GOF AND LAW ASSOCIATIONS. FRANKLY, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO SEARCH OUT AND QUESTION OFFICIALS HERE WHO MIGHT BE FAMILIAR WITH GROS'S LEGAL PHILOSOPHY. GIVEN FRENCH SENSITIVITIES ON MATTERS LIKE THIS, REPORTS OF OUR INQUIRIES, HOWEVER DIRECTLY THESE MAY HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED, ARE LIKELY TO FILTER UPWARD AND COULD QUICKLY REACH ICJ JUSTICES REPLEATE WITH NEGATIVE CONNOTATIONS REGARDING  
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PROPRIETY OF OUR ACTIONS. THIS COULD PREJUDICE OUR CASE WHEN AND IF IT GOES TO ICJ.

2. ALSO, RE PARENTHETICAL COMMENT IN PARA TWO REFTEL, GIVEN NUMBERS OF ETHNIC FRENCH FISHERMEN WHO COULD BE AFFECTED BY OUTCOME, IT POSSIBLE THAT FRENCH AS WELL AS LDC VIEW OF THIS DISPUTE COULD FAVOR

CANADIAN POSITION.

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